information in the areas of oil and gas exploration, refining and energy modelling.

Marketing practices private companies in parallel marketing of LPG

2208. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 109, gas companies have expressed a desire for parallel marketing LPG in the country;

(b) whether their marketing arrangements have been scrutinised by Government to check whether they have been following restrictive trade practices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Names of 161 private parties which came to the notice of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in connection with parallel marketing system have been referred to the MRTP Commission. The MRTP Commision has called for necessary information from such parties. On perusal of the information provided by the parties, the Director General of Investigation, MRTP Commission has found that some parties have entered into dealership agreements which contained restrictive clauses falling under Section 33(1) of the MRTP Act. The Director General of investigation and Registration has filed applications in respect of 12 parties before the Hon'ble MRTP Commission under Section 10(a) (iii), of the MRTP Act for necessary action.

Shifting the route of Darjeeling Himalayan railways

2209. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to shift the route of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway from the present route which runs alongwith N.R. 55 to Mirik bordering Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Toy-Train Railways

2210. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to construct toy-train railways in hill States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Manipur to attract more tourists in the region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Tourist traffic in these States is negligible.

Illegal entry in second class sleeper coaches

2211. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has recently directed Government to ensure that no unauthorised persons other than valid ticket holders travel in second class sleeper coaches;